Funds for displaced fishermen of Andhra Pradesh

*95. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of the National Fishermen's Fund;

(b) the funds disbursed from this fund during 2005-06;

(c) the funds proposed to be disbursed during 2006-07;

(d) whether any fund has been released for the displaced traditional fishermen of Kolleru lake in Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) whether any proposal has been received from Andhra Pradesh Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) There is no National Fishermen's Fund. However, for the welfare of fishermen, a Centrally Sponsored 'National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen' is implemented with the following three components:—

(i) Development of model Fishermen Villages : To provide three basic civic amenities for fishermen,. *i.e.*, construction of houses, tubewells/ handpumps for drinking water and community hall as a common working place/recreation.

(ii) Saving-cum-Relief : To provide fmancial support to fishermen in the lean period (fishing banned period).

(iii) Group Accident Insurance for Active Fishermen : Fishermen licensed/ identified or registered with the State/UT Governments are insured for Rs.50,000/-against death or permanent total disability and Rs.25,000/- for partial disability.

Under the said Scheme, during the years, 2005-06 and 2006-07, Central assistance of Rs. 33.00 crore and Rs. 23.80 crores respectively was released to States/Union Territories.

(d) and (e) No, Sir.

Increasing the frequency of trains

†*96. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take any action for increasing the frequency of the Jodhpur-Guwahati train for running it three days a week instead of one day being run at present; Jaipur-Bangaluru train for running it four days a week instead of two days being run at present; and Jaipur- Chennai train for running it daily

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instead of three days a week being run at present in view of their long waiting lists and non-availability of reservation for months together; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) and (b) Frequency of 5631/5632 Barmer/Bikaner-Jodhpur-Guwahati Express has been increased from weekly to bi-weekly from 03.07.2003. Further increase in its frequency to tri-weekly and that of 2975/2976 Jaipur-Mysore Express from bi-weekly to 4 days a week and 2967/2968 Jaipur-Chennai Express from bi-weekly to daily is not feasible, at present, due to operational and resource constraints.

Production enhancement of fertilizers

†*97. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed any target for increasing the production capacity of chemical fertilizers during Eleventh Plan in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the target;

(c) the number of projects having additional production capacity likely to be set up in country to achieve this target; and

(d) the total amount of capital required to be invested for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (d) No target for increased production of chemical fertilizers has been set for the Eleventh Five Year Plan. However, the Working Group on Fertilizers for the Eleventh Plan has projected a requirement of 287.55 lakh metric tonne (LMT) of Urea, 95.10 LMT of Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) and 37.40 LMT of Muriate of Potash (MoP) by 2011-12. The total installed operational capacity for production of Urea and DAP in the country is 197.01 LMT and 72.99 LMT respectively.

No production capacity of MoP is expected to be set up in Eleventh Plan as there are no economically exploitable reserves of potash in the country. The production of phosphatic fertilizers in the country is dependent upon availability and price of raw materials/intermediates in the international market. Hence, additional capacity creation for production of DAP cannot be anticipated definitely.

The additional production capacity of Urea in the country during the Eleventh Plan is expected to come through revival of closed units of Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. and Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd., setting up of brownfield & greenfield projects, and capacity addition through revamp of existing units. Though, no definite estimate of total required investment is possible at present, it is estimated

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